

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 30 are pending, with Claims 1, 9, 27, 29, and 30 being independent. Claims 1, 9, 27, 29, and 30 have been amended. Claim 31, which was withdrawn from consideration, has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1 through 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 5,367,318 (Beaudin, et al.). The Official Action states that Beaudin, et al.'s "V, and H switch 93, 95, fig. 4" corresponds to the claimed notifying. All rejections and statements are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 9, 27, 29, and 30 variously recite, inter alia, for each of the plurality of signal sources (which are separate apparatuses), notifying that signal source of the stored display attributes information corresponding to the display window in which the picture from that signal source is displayed (Claim 1) or notifying that signal source of the created display selection information created based on the obtained identification signals (Claim 9), or notifying that signal source of the stored display attributes information and the created display selection information (Claims 27, 29, and 30), and information identifying the signal source (Claims 1, 9, 27, 29 and 30). By way of example and not of limitation, with reference to the latter clause, the Examiner's attention is directed, e.g., to Fig. 5, item H1.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that Beaudin, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 9, 27, 29, and 30.

In more detail, the Official Action states that Beaudin, et al. discloses “display attributes information” at col. 5, lines 25-32, and col. 5, lines 60-63. However, Applicant respectfully submits that the former section refers, e.g., to remapping received black and white gray scale values over a wider range or with greater separation, and the latter section refers, e.g., to compressing or clipping an input image frame to be displayable in a half screen, quarter screen, or other selected size — neither of which corresponds to notifying of display attributes information or created display selection information, and information identifying the signal source, as claimed.

Also the Official Action states that “V, and H switch 93, 95, fig. 4” in col. 12, lines 21-28 constitutes notifying the signal source of stored display attributes information. However, Applicant respectfully submits that line 93 and 95 are horizontal and vertical switch signals to PAL 89, which signals occur at the points in the image generating scan where transitions occur from one quad to the other (col. 6, lines 43-47), and col. 12, lines 21-28 refers to a single image to be processed in the video I/O circuit 18 to appear in different forms in different quadrants, which does not pertain to notifying as claimed.

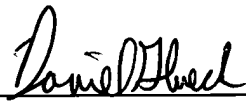
It is also respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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